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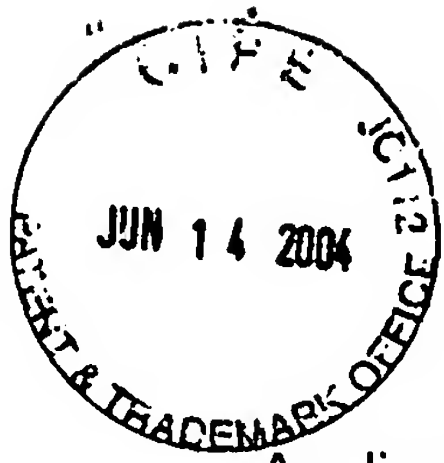
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In accordance with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, please find attached hereto form PTO-1449 listing information which may be material to the patentability of this application, filed concurrently herewith. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

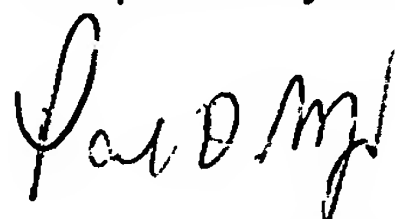
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Also enclosed are copies of PCT Publication No. WO 02/11596 A1, Japanese Patent No. 2002-112930 and European Patent No. EP 1 314 388 A1. Copies of available English abstracts of the aforementioned patents, patent applications, publications and articles are enclosed herewith.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the references that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed references and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

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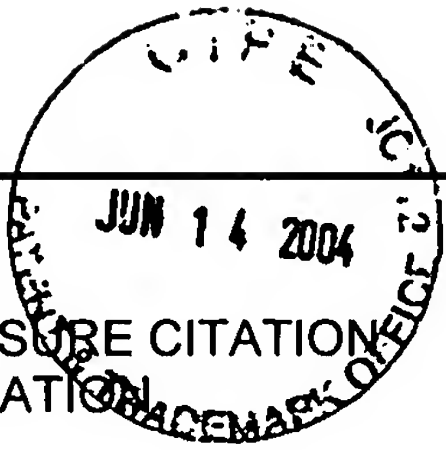
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
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	WO 02/11596 A1	2/14/02	PCT (abstract)			X	
	2002-112930	4/16/02	Japan			X	
	EP 1 314 388 A1	5/28/03	Europe			X	

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